

Edmund "Mickey" Gutowski, 93 years old, passed away December 2, 2013 into the eternal arms of the Lord.

He was born on August 12, 1920 in Manistee, Michigan and was the son of Jacob and Frances Gutowski who preceded him in death. Edmund married Cecilia Marie Rafalski on July 29, 1950 at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee. They were married for over 49 years, before her death on May 2, 2000. He was also preceded in death by his sister Mary Williams, his brother Richard Gutowski, son-in-law Kenneth Harrison and great grandson Emmanuel Schutter.

Surviving are his loving children Mary (Tom) Chiambretti, Rose Harrison, Patti (Martin) Koehn, Anthony (Danusha) Gutowski, Jean (John) Golembiewski, Pamela (William) Bentley, Gerard (Faith) Gutowski, Margaret Gutowski, Kathryn Gutowski, John (Melissa) Gutowski, and Brigid (Rick) Golembiewski, as well as surviving brothers Bill (Linda), Jim (Charlotte), Gordon (Maureen), sisters Florence, Jeanette, Catherine (Bill), brothers-in-law Tony Rafalski and Ed Williams, grandchildren Christina, Steve, Jeff, Mary Catherine, Stephanie, Kristin, Emiley Rose, Candice, Jacob, Erin, Caitlin, Zachary, Christopher, Eric, Jared, Ariel, Nicole, Joshua, Matthew, David, Rachel, Lindsey, great-grandchildren Brenna, Kennadi, Dominic, Madeleine, Jude, Olivia and Alex. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive him.

Dad worked hard all his life working at Morton Salt Co. for 47 years and sacrificing all his summer vacations cherry, blueberry, strawberry, and apple picking. He proudly served his country in WWII in the United States Army from August 31, 1942 until October 27, 1945. He will be remembered for his faith and dedication to the Lord, love of nature, loving to garden and hating to weed. He was a lifetime member of St. Joseph Church where he served as a Eucharistic Minister until he took ill four years ago.

Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated Thursday, December 5, 2013 at 11:00 AM at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend Chet Collins celebrant. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee.

The family will receive friends at the Herbert Funeral Home on Wednesday evening from 6:00 PM until 8:30 PM with a rosary being prayed at 8:00 PM, and on Thursday morning from 10:00 AM until leaving for the church at 10:40 AM.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. **The Herbert Funeral Home of Manistee is in charge of funeral arrangements.**